

Remarks

Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified patent application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 40 and 42 have been amended. No claims have been canceled, withdrawn, or added. Accordingly, claims 1, 4, 5, 7-14, 38, 40 and 42-45 are pending in this application upon entry of this amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 5, 40 and 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,397,344 B1, issued to Chainer, et al. ("*Chainer*"). Claims 1 and 40 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,330,975 B1, issued to Bunte, et al. ("*Bunte*"). Claims 7-9, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chainer* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,442,512, issued to Bradbury ("*Bradbury*"). Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chainer* in view of *Bradbury*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,507 B1, issued to Harvey ("*Harvey*"). Claims 4, 38 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Chainer*.

Claim Rejections — 35 U.S.C. § 102 And 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Chainer* and *Bunte*. Amended independent claim 1 recites, "a service station having a first computer and a removable integrated digital camera and scanner unit for capturing digital information including one or more photographs and identifying indicia related to the product concern . . . the first computer being configured to generate a claim approval request screen for receiving and displaying the digital information and identifying indicia related to the product concern." Neither *Chainer* nor *Bunte* discloses or suggests the foregoing limitation.

Rather, *Chainer* discloses a system and method for authenticating an image of an object that includes at least one identifier associated with the object, a receiving for

interrogating the at least one identifier to produce identification information, a camera system for recording an image from the object including the at least one identifier, and a composite generator. (Abstract.) *Bunte* discloses an image capture system having an image capture module and a terminal unit that captures both photo images and coded images wherein the captured images are presented on a display integrated with the terminal unit. (Abstract.) Applicants submit that neither *Chainer* nor *Bunte* teaches or discloses a service station having a first computer and a removable integrated digital camera and scanner unit for capturing digital information and identifying indicia related to a product concern, wherein the first computer is configured to generate a claim approval request screen for receiving and displaying the digital information and identifying indicia related to the product concern. Accordingly, amended independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited art and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 4, 5, 7-14 and 38 depend from amended independent claim 1. For at least the reasons amended independent claim 1 is patentable, dependent claims 4, 5, 7-14 and 38 are likewise patentable.

Additionally, for at least the above reasons, amended independent claim 40 is also patentable over the cited art and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection. As such, claims 42-45, which depend from amended independent claim 40 are likewise patentable over the cited art.

Applicants further submit that the addition of *Bradbury* and *Harvey* do not cure the deficiencies of *Chainer* or *Bunte*.

Amended Dependent Claims 4 and 42

Amended dependent claims 4 and 42 are patentable over the cited art for at least the following additional reasons. Amended dependent claims 4 and 42 add the limitations of "the claim request screen for receiving and displaying the identifying indicia includes a dialog

portion for carrying on a dialog with the second computer. Applicants submit that neither *Bunte* nor *Chainer* teach or disclose the instant limitation. As such, amended dependent claims 4 and 42 are patentable over the cited art for at least the above additional reasons.

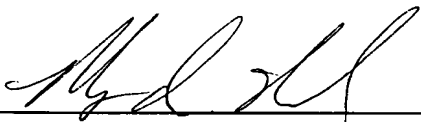
Conclusion

In summary, claims 1, 4, 5, 7-14, 38, 40 and 42-45, as amended, meet the substantive requirements for patentability. The case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. If a telephone or video conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

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